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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Inventors: Ni *et al.*
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Our Ref: 1488.1300004/EKS/EJH

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
3. One return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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